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SUBJECT: GERMAN NUCLEAR REACTOR FOR TAIWAN

1.

REASON: TO GRC INTEREST IN THE PURCHASE OF A NUCLEAR REACTOR FROM WEST GERMANY OF A SIZE NOT NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH ECONOMIC GENERATION OF POWER: GRC OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SIEMENS AND REPORTEDLY A SURVEY CONTRACT WAS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF TAIWAN POWER COMPANY WHILE HE WAS IN WEST GERMANY IN MARCH 1965 AS A MEMBER OF THE GRC ECONOMIC MISSION TO EUROPE; SURVEY CONTRACT CALLS FOR SIEMENS TECHNICIANS TO CONDUCT SITE INVESTIGATIONS IN TAIWAN IN JUNE 1966 PRIOR TO TAIPower's PURCHASE OF REACTOR; REACTOR WOULD PROBABLY BE A 600 MW HEAVY WATER MODERATED REACTOR COSTING APPROXIMATELY US\$30 MILLION WHICH TAIPower WOULD USE FOR POWER GENERATION AND GRC MILITARY RESEARCH INSTITUTE WOULD USE SPENT FUEL FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS RESEARCH; BY USING TAIPower AS PURCHASER AND STATING REACTOR WAS FOR POWER GENERATION, GRC HOPES TO OBTAIN IAEA APPROVAL; AND SIEMENS AGREED TO SELL REACTOR ON CONDITION REACTOR WOULD BE SOLD TO GRC ORGANIZATION AND IAEA APPROVED SALE.

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2.

TAIPOWER REPRESENTATIVE
HAD ASKED IAEA MISSION TO ADVISE ON TWO PROPOSED INLAND SITES
FOR SMALL NUCLEAR REACTOR ON WHICH TAIPOWER HAD BEEN
REQUESTED TO GIVE ADVICE BY OTHER GRC AGENCIES. [REDACTED]
GRC MILITARY WAS ONE OF
GRC AGENCIES

3. FROM ABOVE IT BECOMING APPARENT GRC MAY WELL
HAVE DECIDED LAUNCH PROGRAM OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS RESEARCH
AND IS SEEKING MEANS BY WHICH NECESSARY WHEREWITHALL CAN
BE OBTAINED, HOPEFULLY WITH IAEA APPROVAL AND UNDER GUISE
OF POWER GENERATION.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES WEST GERMANS SHOULD BE
DISSUADED FROM CONSUMMATING SALE. SUGGEST WEST GERMANS
MAY BE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE POSITION WITH GRC, INTER ALIA,
THAT SALE SUCH SMALL REACTOR WHOSE COST WOULD BE
APPROXIMATELY \$600 PER KILOWATT IS MOST UNECONOMIC.

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